GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:683
ANSWERED ON:13.05.2005
PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated under the Technology Upgradation Fund (TUFs) for production and marketing of cotton during the last three years and the details of the activities undertaken under the said scheme, year-wise;

(b) whether the production of high quality cotton is getting adversely affected due to non-availability of adequate amount under the Cotton Technology Upgradation Fund;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for modernizing production and marketing of cotton and the success achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 683 FOR ANSWER ON 13.05.2005

(a) While the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been launched to upgrade technology in different segments of the textile industry, the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) has been launched for improving production, productivity and quality of cotton. The TMC comprises four Mini Missions with focus on research in cotton production technology under Mini Mision-I, dissemination of technology to farmers under Mini Mission-II, improvement in marketing infrastructure under Mini Mission-III and modernization of ginning & pressing factories under Mini Mission-IV. Production and distribution of certified seed, setting up of seed delinting plant, farmers' field school, insecticide resistance management, establishment / strengthening of bio-agent laboratories, distribution of sprinkler sets, training to extension workers, front line demonstration on production technology / integrated paste management technology, improvement of existing market yard, setting up new market yard and modernization of ginning & pressing factories are some of the activities undertaken under the TMC. Funds allotted for Mini Missions − I, II, III & IV of the TMC during the last 3 years are as under:-

(In Crore Rupees)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Mini Missions-I	3.80	4.20	4.00
Mini Missions-II	20.00	38.00	50.00
Mini Missions-III & IV	30.00	30.00	40.00

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As may be seen from the table given below, the domestic production, yield and consumption of cotton during the 2002-03 to 2004 -05 have increased and import of cotton has decreased.

Unit	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Prov.)

Production of cotton	In Lakh bales of 170 Kg. each	136.00	177.00	232.00
Consumption of cotton		168.83	173.96	198.00
Import of cotton		17.67	7.21	6.00
Yield	In Kg per hectare	302	394	440

Source: Cotton Advisory Board